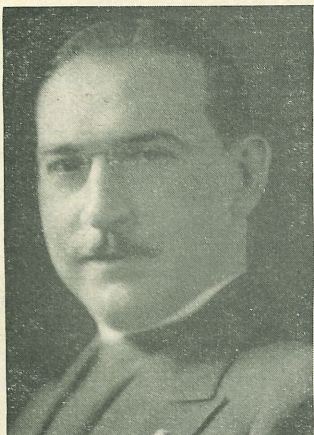


OTTE 250th ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER

To The Almighty God, praise and thanks are offered for the blessings Lutheranism has enjoyed in our beloved city of Detroit. This will be the theme of the Anniversary speaker, the Rev. G. T. Otte, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, when on June 10, we will celebrate Detroit's 250th birthday in conjunction with our annual school-closing festival. Trinity Church is the mother-church of all Lutheran churches in Detroit, having been organized in 1850. Pastor G. T. Otte succeeded his father as pastor of the congregation. Trinity, now a down-town church, stands as a landmark to Lutheranism in Detroit. The present church was built by Mr. Charles Gauss in grateful recognition for special favors he received from Almighty God.



Rev. G. T. Otte

Incidentally yours

EXCURSIONS. — What memories, what anticipations, and excitement that word arouses. — And what wonderful opportunities to learn such events afford especially for our deaf children—who must acquire all knowledge through the sense of sight:—Ours, of course, are chiefly educational ventures. — Recently the third and fourth grades visited a Peanut Butter Factory where they were thrilled to see how peanut butter and potato chips are made. — The next visit was to a fire station where the duties of our fire-fighters were explained to the pupils. All felt the urge to slide down that brass pole. — Another trip was to the A. & P. Bakery. Here the youngsters were amazed by the intricate machines used in bread and pastry baking. — To demonstrate what they learned in the bakery, the class decided that it, too, could bake bread and rolls. And as a result the Director and Principal were treated to some wonderfully baked hot rolls and fresh bread made by the pupils of the 3rd grade. — The sweetest outing was that made to the Fanny Farmer Candy Factory. — From all these points of interest, the children came back loaded down; not only with gifts, the products of the various factories, but especially also with an abundance of valuable knowledge concerning the industries visited. Teachers Elsie Forsberg and Dorothy Nieman accompanied the classes. — The seventh grade and its teacher, Miss Emily Born, who are studying the his-

Cont. Page 2

the deaf child's **ADVOCATE**

Vol. 21

June 1951

No. 4

250th Anniversary

Detroit is taking the limelight in various classroom activities at present, especially in the history department. This year Detroit celebrates its 250th birthday and the City's Board of Education has provided its schools with pamphlets and film strips on the founding and development of our metropolis. In using these materials for study, our children, too, are entering into the anniversary spirit, reliving the days of Cadillac and old Fort Detroit.

The seventh grade spent a profitable afternoon at the Historical Museum and Public Library studying relics and documents which vividly portrayed to them the trials and hardships of a young city which eventually was to blossom into the "Arsenal of Democracy." Incidentally, they were surprised to learn that the mansion which now houses the Historical Museum was formerly the home of Michigan's present governor, G. Mennen Williams.

Our teachers and pupils are also busily engaged perfecting a scene in the historical pageant which will highlight the program on the day of our annual Festival, Sunday, June 10.

Thus, our children have learned that a city, too, can celebrate a birthday.

Compensation

Because I'm deaf I cannot hear a robin sing,
But I can see a lovely light upon its wing.
I cannot hear the laughter of a happy child,
But I can see its little face completely undefiled.
I cannot hear the music of wind and tree,
But I can feel its warm caress sweep over me.
I cannot hear a plane though the drone is loud,
But its path is beautiful to see, through sky and cloud.
But oh, I hear my Father's voice!
This is His will,
I cannot see Him, but I hear Him say, "Child, trust Me still."
—Jean Walter

Balloon Ascension

The very fascinating balloon ascension which has become a major outstanding attraction at our Annual Festival will again be conducted as resolved by the Festival Committee.

The established routine will be followed. The balloon cards bearing the name of one of our deaf children and the number of his or her sponsor (the balloon purchaser) will be attached to the balloons which will be released on Festival Day, June 10th.

Vesper Service

The climax to an activity studded Festival Day, June 10, will be the traditional Vesper Service at which the Rev. R. F. Jesse, Pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, will deliver the closing message.



Rev. R. F. Jesse

To close a day's activities of Christian celebration with such a versper service is always most impressive and appropriate.

To Pastors

Upon request of congregations Concordia Publishing House will insert gratis an envelope for your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in your sets of collection envelopes ordered from CPH.

We hope that many congregations when ordering their supply of 1951 and 1952 envelopes will avail themselves of this service and so help children afflicted with deafness to bear their burden and in a measure to overcome their handicap. Just write to CPH and ask that the envelopes be inserted.

Plan To Attend JUNE 10

Incidentally yours cont.

tory of Detroit, at present, visited the Historical Museum to gather firsthand information in that field.

On April 15 nine of our graduating class were confirmed and on April 22 four of our other children were baptized in our Institute chapel.

Our annual festival guests will enjoy buying their refreshments at our new picnic pavilion which we hope to have completed by June 10, the day of the great event. — To be present at this year's festival is a MUST because it really will be something to "write home about."

Our 6 - 7 - 8 grades have formed Garden and Junior Forester Clubs. These activities, sponsored by the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation, will be of great educational value to our pupils.

Recently a Garbridder was installed in our kitchen at an approximate cost of \$1900.00. This machine will dispose of all garbage and other offal in a most sanitary manner. —

On Easter Sunday eve our office safe was burglarized. Since the amount taken was covered by insurance, the Institute suffered no actual loss.

On April 24 our Ladies' Aid held its annual bazaar. The affair was a grand success in spite of Detroit's transportation strike. The good attendance again makes us appreciate our loyal friends and supporters.

The Maico Company of Detroit through Mr. Troy V. Grady, a real friend of our Institute, gave us seven individual hearing aids on a loan basis. These aids have a retail value of \$1400.00.

This gift will assist us greatly to expand our individual hearing aid program. The aids will be used primarily in our nursery department. — Through Dr. John Behnken we were offered and soon expect to receive another gift of such aids from a friend of our Institute in Chicago. May the Lord richly bless those who so willingly and generously offer to help our deaf children bear their affliction.

Bobby Frank, son of Pastor and Mrs. Paul B. Frank of Dallas, Texas, recently recovered from a tonsilectomy performed by Dr. W. A. Huegli in Evangelical Deaconess Hospital.



THE 1951 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Left to right: Gay Haigler, Birmingham, Alabama, Grace Meilander, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Margaret Hopf, Clifford, Ontario, Canada, Rosella Burgess, Royal Oak, Mich., Leigh Crane, Detroit, Merilou La Ford, Detroit, Beverly Olson, Chicago, Joyce Rossow, Mt. Clemens, Mich., Marlene Schulz, originally from Winnepeg, Canada, now Royal Oak, Michigan

BE THOU FAITHFUL — Rev. 2:10

On Sunday, April 15, our Gloria Dei Chapel was filled to capacity when the confirmation class knelt at the Lord's altar and there pledged hearts and lives to Christ.

These children having spent years studying Speech, Language and Religion brought joy to their parents, sponsors, relatives and friends who were privileged to hear them orally speak their confirmation vow. Joyously and sincerely they praised and thanked God for having provided this Christian school for their handicapped loved ones where these could be educated and prepared for full church membership. They also acknowledged their gratitude to you, dear reader, for the support you are so consistently giving for the maintenance of this Christian school for deaf children.

May the Holy Spirit bless and keep these new members of the Church in the true faith until they will unite with the saints in the Church Triumphant.

IN MEMORIAM

A great loss was sustained by our beloved Institute Family on April 6th, when the Lord of the Church suddenly transplanted the soul of our brother in Christ, Mr. Walter C. Maul, to His Church Triumphant. Even though he had been afflicted with a heart ailment for the past years, his life in the Church Militant ended most unexpectedly at the age of sixty-six years.

Walter Maul served in the vital capacity of secretary on our Board of Directors for twenty-five years with the greatest of efficiency and devotion. His wealth of experience as an architect, his sound judgment, and his humble Christian spirit commanded the highest respect and esteem of every member of the Board. Without stint he dedicated his talents to the Lord of the Church and to the welfare of our deaf children. His exemplary love for Christ and the deaf will never be forgotten.

Our beloved brother in Christ was, by God's grace, adorned with the two incomparable Christian virtues, Godliness and Manliness. As senior member of the firm of Maul and Lentz, Architects, as an outstanding leader of Concordia Lutheran Church and of Detroit Lutheranism, and as a faithful husband and father, he leaves behind many memorials to his creative genius and work: The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, the University chapel at Ann Arbor, church edifices, schools, and other buildings.

We shall always cherish the memories of Walter Maul, and it is our fervent prayer that the Lord Jesus Christ grant unto His Church many more men such as he.

A Mother Writes

Dear Mrs. Hector,

We received your letter and the papers Rexalee wrote. We are very pleased, and have noticed quite a change in her in more than one way. Her whole attitude is different. She doesn't seem as nervous and worked up about things as she used to be. She also gets along better with her playmates around here. You are doing a wonderful job with her.

When she is home she makes up her bed, picks up things and dresses herself. All those things I've tried to have her do, but didn't succeed. You certainly have a way with them to make them want to help do things. Eating was also a big problem. But not any more, she eats anything now without any comments. You teachers and all the other staff members are doing a wonderful job. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

I give, devise and bequeath to the Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the city of Detroit, the sum of dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are free. Why not order a supply now?

THE DEAF CHILD'S ADVOCATE

Published bi-monthly at 2969 W. 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, in the interest of the deaf child by the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Subscription Price, 25¢ per year

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

J. A. Klein, Director, 6861 E. Nevada Avenue Managing Editor

FACULTY

Director J. A. Klein, Walter Bellhorn, Miss Emily Born, Miss Elsie Forsberg, Miss Carol Anderson, Miss Helen Szajna, Mrs. Mildred F. Murray, Mr. Robert Tegeder, Miss Priscilla Keup, Miss Florence Krueger, Mrs. Elizabeth Hector, Mrs. Mae Moffatt, Miss Mary Stack, Miss Dorothy Neiman.

SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Geo. M. Krach, Rev. N. E. Borchart, Rev. L. Koehler.

All communications regarding the editing must be sent to the managing editor. All communications pertaining to changes of addresses must be sent to Circulating Department, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.

Entered as second-class matter December 12, 1930, at the Post Office of Cleveland, Ohio, under the act of August 24, 1912.

Pageant Scenes

- Scene I Prologue — Emmanuel (Dearborn)
 Scene II Cadillac's Permit To Settle — St. Stephen
 Scene III The French Lose — Holy Cross
 Scene IV The British Take Over — Atonement
 Scene V Census, 1773 — Bethel
 Scene VI The Revolutionary War — Gethsemane
 Scene VII America Takes Detroit — Nativity
 Scene VIII The Great Fire — St. Matthew
 Scene IX Detroit Re-planned — St. John-Immanuel
 Scene X War of 1812 — Zion
 Scene XI Spiritual Awakening — St. Thomas-St. Titus
 Scene XII The First Lutheran Service — West Bethlehem
 Scene XIII Our Lutheran Church Established — Redford
 Scene XIV "Underground Railway" — Tabor - St. Philip
 Scene XV The Civil War — Grace (Highland Park)
 Scene XVI Into the 1900's — Concordia
 Scene XVII Institute For The Deaf — Institute For The Deaf
 Scene XVIII Old Folk's Home, Walther League, Exposition — Bethany-East Bethlehem
 Scene XIX World Wars — Redemption - Mt. Calvary
 Scene XX Freedoms Wrought — Peace
 Scene XXI Finale — Emmanuel (Dearborn)

Memorial Trees

On Arbor Day we at your Institute for the Deaf planted three trees in our festival grove and dedicated them to the memory of three saints who, for certain reasons, were near and dear to the Institute.

Two of the trees are Moline Elms. These are to be living memorials to Mr. John Pankow and Mr. Walter Maul, members of our Board of Management until the Lord called them home to their eternal reward.

The third tree, a Sycamore, was dedicated to the memory of Donald Scheiderer, a pupil in our school whom the Lord Jesus called home suddenly several years ago. A Sycamore tree was chosen for this purpose because Donald, like Zaccheus of old, too, had a handicap which prevented him from seeing Jesus. Zaccheus was small of stature and, to see Jesus, he climbed a Sycamore tree.

Donald, too, had a desire to see and know his Savior. But because he was deaf he could not learn about his Redeemer at home or in his church school. And so he, too, had to find a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus. That Sycamore tree was your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Here Donald really learned to see and love his Savior. And here the Lord saw and loved Donald. And He said to him, "Donald, come down, I want you to enter My heavenly mansions." Donald heeded His Master's call, and that's where he is now. And that's why we selected a Sycamore tree for his memorial.

Accepts Call

Mr. Melvin Luebke, a graduate of the River Forest Teachers' College and Wayne University and who was an instructor in our school since 1946, accepted a call as superintendent of a Lutheran School for deaf children to be established by our brethren in the East at Mill Neck, Long Island.

Mr. Luebke was a faithful worker, and we deplore his leaving. However, since he recognized this new venture in deaf education as a real challenge which he felt obliged to meet, we wish him and his family the Lord's richest blessings.

Mr. Luebke and his family left us on May 1st in order to begin preparing the new school for pupil occupancy by next September. The Long Island school property consists of 86 acres of beautifully landscaped land on which there are located besides a three-story mansion a smaller residence, orchards, greenhouses and other buildings with an appraised valuation of between \$2,000,000.00 and \$4,000,000.00.

Housemothers

By August 15 or Sept. 1, we need two unincumbered Christian women or girls for assistant housemothers; also a kitchen or dining room helper. We also have positions for a married couple, the wife for kitchen and the husband for maintenance work. For information write Dir. J. A. Klein, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan.

Author * Co-ordinator * Music Director

As in any worthwhile endeavor, the brunt of the burden must fall upon capable shoulders. The children's pageant, commemorating Detroit's 250th birthday, is no exception. Hours of careful planning and hard labor were required. To the following three willing and qualified men, appointees of School Superintendent S. J. Roth, for the most vital parts in what promises



E. C. Lietke

to be a resounding success, go "o u r" "thanks." Mr. E. C. Lietke, Principal of Nazareth Lutheran School, formulated the Pageant. Mr. Lietke, a highly historically minded individual, received his undergraduate work at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, from where he was graduated in 1938. He has since done graduate work at the University of Chicago and at present is continuing his education at the University of Detroit.

Mr. T. W. Leuthauser, Principal of Holy Cross Lutheran School, will serve as co-ordinator of the Historical Pageant. He is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, of Seward, Nebraska, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1935. He has been in Detroit the past three years.



C. R. Streufert

Mr. Carl Streufert, also of the staff of Holy Cross, will serve as director of music. He was graduated from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, with the class of 1935 and has since served as teacher and director of music in Detroit. His mass choir of up to a thousand children's voices will play a vital part in the success of the gigantic program planned for the day.

We have been informed that friends of our Institute in other cities have chartered buses to bring them to Detroit so that they, too, can take part in this memorable event.

Festival Features

- 11:30-2:30 DINNER served by Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf.
 1:00-2:30 OPEN HOUSE
 1:00 MASS BALLOON ASCENSION
 2:30 DIVINE SERVICE. A pointed address will be delivered by the Rev. G. T. Otte, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. The Rev. N. E. Borchartt will serve as interpreter.
 3:20 Second BALLOON ASCENSION
 3:30 HISTORICAL PAGEANT will feature twenty-one scenes as Detroit's history unfolds before you.
 5:00-6:00 OPEN HOUSE
 6:00 Third BALLOON ASCENSION
 7:00 VESPER SERVICE
 Refreshments and light lunches served at the outdoor stands throughout the day.

Annual Meeting

On festival Sunday, June 10, our pupils will leave us for the summer vacation. On Wednesday, June 13, the all-day meeting of the Lutheran Inst. for the Deaf Association will be held at the Institute. The opening devotion will be conducted in our Gloria Dei Chapel.

Pastors and delegates of all member congregations are expected to attend this important meeting at which interesting and vital reports will be rendered and future plans discussed. An important phase of the day's work will be the election of officers to the Board of Management and School Board. — Other congregations are invited to affiliate.

The World of Silence

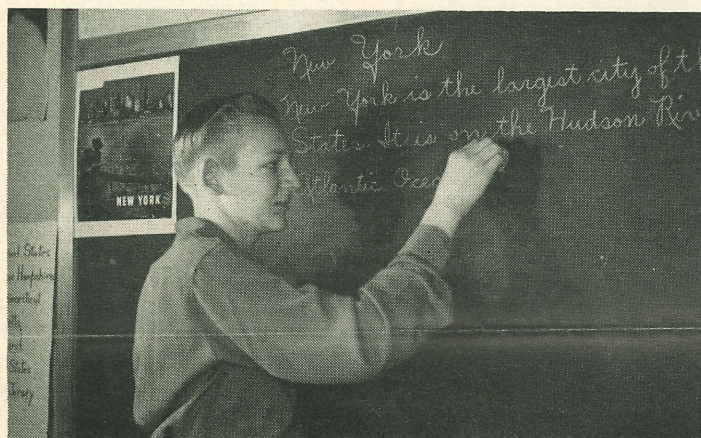
is an All color
Sound Movie

Requiring 35 min.
Running Time

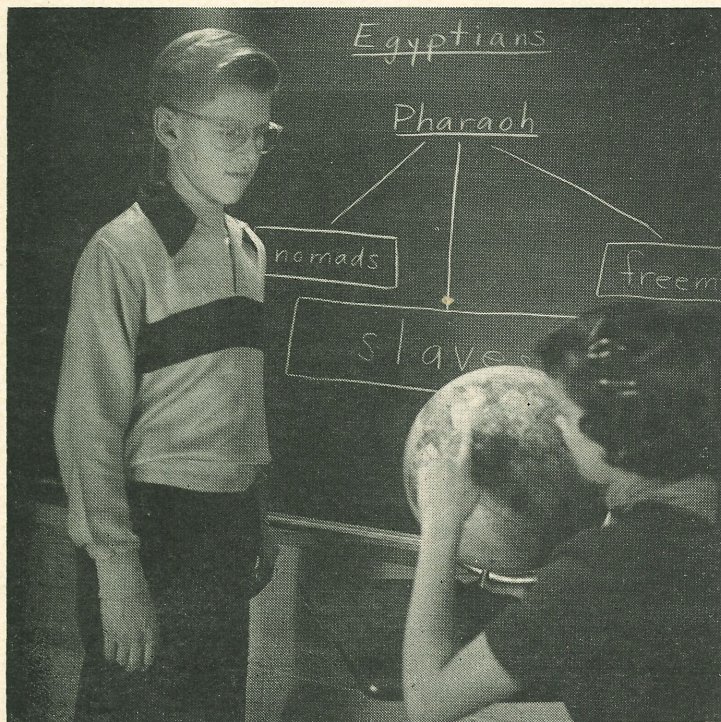
There are open dates
after June 10



Teacher R. Tegeder visualizing liquid measure values.



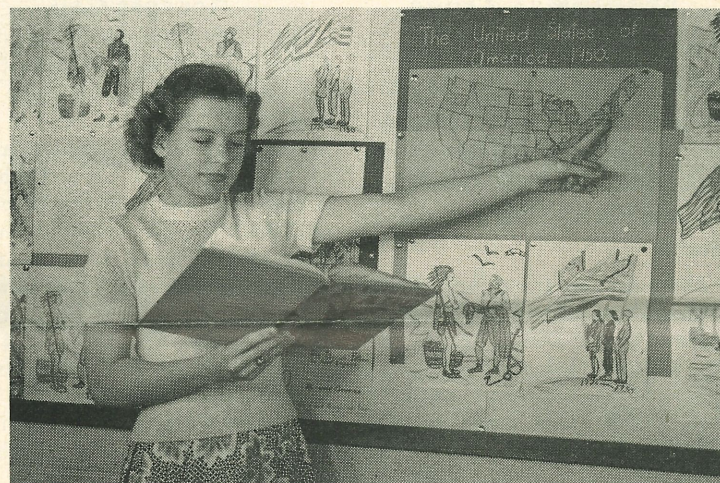
Herman Spencer of No. Carolina writing a sketch on New York City.



Combining the teaching of History and Geography.



Language is the most difficult subject in the education of the deaf.



Judith Johnson of Houston, Texas, pointing to Plymouth Rock in a history lesson.



Pictorial textbooks are essential in the teaching of the deaf.

U P P E R G R A D E A C T I V I T I E S